

REMARKS

Claims 15, 31, 35, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Office Action. These claims have all been cancelled and it is believed that the new claims submitted above are fully responsive to the 35 U.S.C. rejections.

The specification was objected to for being excessive in length. A marked up copy of the abstract showing amendments and a fully amended clean copy of the abstract are appended hereto. These amendments are responsive to the Examiners' objection.

Regarding the drawings, a Submission of Formal Drawings document and new drawings are attached hereto.

The originally filed claims were rejected based on the non-statutory double patenting rejection of the judicially created doctrine. In response thereto, enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer executed by the undersigned, which is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(C) and is fully responsive to the double patenting rejection.

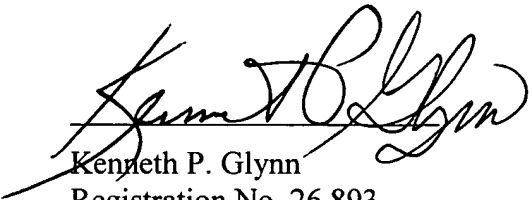
In view of the above Amendment and Remarks and the enclosed documents and terminal disclaimer fee, it is urged that all of the new claims set forth above are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, an early and favorable response is solicited.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A multi-utility energy and facility automation control system has control center computer(s) connected to ~~various~~ utility consuming systems and software that formats
5 ~~pertinent systems~~ energy data, stores, retrieves, diagnoses and acts in response to changes and includes a multi-utility master meter device and a plurality of sensors ~~for utilities~~
10 ~~and other facility operational data~~. The system includes at least one dashboard screen as a control screen, and a plurality of interconnected gateways for selection of separate networks for various utility-facility related subscreens. The
15 sensors monitor ~~consumption of a plurality of different utilities and other~~ pertinent data and, using the presentation of the facility information as processed by the computer and presented on the dashboard, exercise ~~c~~
20 control of the facility to optimize performance and reduce the cost of purchased utilities and other facility operations.